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C A S E

*Of some Thoufands of the People called QUAKERS,
in Great Britain, who Confcientioufly Scruple the
prefent AFFIRMATION.*

WE Defire, with *Great Humility*, to Represent to the *Legiflature*, That many of Our Friends in divers Parts of this *Kingdom*, have long Laboured under Great *Difficulties*, by Reason of fome Words in the Prefent *Affirmation*: And that it is now become more neceffary for Us, than it hath been heretofore, to Apply for Relief; becaufe the late Act for laying a Duty upon *Hides*, &c. (which requires the taking of an *Oath*, or the prefent *Affirmation*) hath already been the Occafion of the *Ruin* of fome, although they have Paid the Duty, without *Fraud*, to the *Proper Officer*; and apparently tends to the *Ruin* of many more, who Trade in thofe Commodities, and cannot Ufe the *Affirmation*.

Becaufe in the prefent *Affirmation*, We are Obliged to mention the *Sacred Name* of ALMIGHTY GOD; for whose *Name* We have fo *Great* and *Anful* a Reverence, that We *Confcientioufly Scruple* to Ufe it in Cafes of *Evidence*, &c. Conceiving it to be of an *Higher Nature* than the Simplicity of *Yea, Yea, and Nay, Nay*, which Our Blessed Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST Commanded His Followers to Obferve in- stead of an *Oath*: That Simplicity We are afraid to exceed: Believing alfo, Our LORD in this, as in other Cafes, designed to Exalt the *Veracity*, and *Righteoufnefs* of the *Gofpel*, far above that of the *Law*.

We beg Leave to Say, That We Apprehend the Granting Our Re- quest, will neither make the *Government*, nor any *Person* We Deal with, *lefs Secure*: For We believe Our Selves as firmly Bound in *Confcience* to fpeak the *Truth*, as any others esteem Themselves Oblig'd to Swear the *Truth*; and alfo, liable to as *Severe Punifhment* from the Great and *Just* GOD, if We Affirm *Falfly*, as they are who *Forfwear Themselves*. And We willingly fubmit to the fame *Penalties*, if ever any of Us fhould *Falfifie* Our Words, which are now by *Law* Inflicted in Cafes of *Perjury*.

And Permit Us to add, The Indulging Us herein, may be for the *Benefit* of Our *Fellow-Subjects*, who are not of Our Perfwaſion; ſince many of Our Friends, before they were *Quakers*, have been Witnesses in *Matters of Importance*, to *Deeds*, &c. And if the *Affirmation* be not made more *Eafie*, thofe who cannot take it, will not be admitted to give their Evi- dence in any Courts of *Judicature*, which may tend to the *Damage* of many who may ſtand in need thereof.


Wherefore, for Our Relief; and alfo for the ſake of thofe who may want Our Evidence: We Humbly Intreat, That ſuch an Affirmation may be Granted Us, wherein the Sacred Name of GOD may not be Uſed: And that the Benefit thereof may be made Extenſive to Our Bre- thren in NORTH-BRITAIN, who are Generally under the like Diſſa- tisfaction, and ſome of them under prefent Suffering.

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"I have been for our Relief; and also for the sake of those who may
 have been our friends; the House of Commons; that has an Affirmation
 may be granted to; whereas the Sacred Name of GOD may not be
 given; and that the House of Commons may be made answerable to our Bre-
 thren in North-Britain, who are generally under the like Diffi-
 culties, and that of some under great Sufferings."